

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

January 9, 2002

The State Board of Education held its January meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, January 9, 2002, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair; Mr. Greg Killian, Chair-Elect; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Mrs. Queen A. Davis; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Frances P. Lewis; Mr. James C. McRae; Mr. James Mattos; Mrs. Gail Moss; Mr. Robert E. Scarborough; and Mr. Jim White. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Mr. Thomas C. Ewart, Sr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; and Mr. Chris Verenes who were excused for their absence.)*

INVOCATION

The Lemira Percussion Ensemble from Lemira Elementary School in Sumter School District Seventeen led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and performed prior to the January 9, 2002, meeting of the State Board of Education.

PRESENTATION OF THE GAVEL/OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by Chair Greg Killian to Mr. J. Spratt White.

"I do solemnly swear that I will uphold the duties and the laws of the State of South Carolina based on statutes governing operations of the South Carolina State Board of Education."

Former Chair Killian then presented the gavel to Chair White.

Former Chair Killian also presented Chair White with a key to the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, which was given to him to be passed on the next Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2001

Mrs. Frances Lewis moved for the approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Queen Davis and then approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Dr. Mary Jones moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved by the Board.

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair White welcomed the visitors present and congratulated Mr. Rob Harper, Office of Public Information for his twenty-seven years of service to the State Department of Education. Mr. Harper stated that no news media were present.

AWARDS TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBER(S)

Chair White recognized Mrs. Queen Davis, Sixth Judicial Circuit. On behalf of the Board and the citizens of this Judicial Circuit, Chair White thanked Mrs. Davis for her service and presented her with a certificate.

Mrs. Davis expressed her sadness that this was her last Board meeting. She stated that she has developed knowledge and relationships that will be lasting. Mrs. Davis wished the Board Godspeed and good luck and stated that she knows South Carolina is in good hands.

RECOGNITION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS/OATH OF OFFICE

Chair White introduced new Board member, Mrs. Brenda Fort of Great Falls, Sixth Judicial Circuit. Mrs. Fort replaces Mrs. Queen Davis.

Chair White administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Fort.

"I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been appointed, and that I will to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me God."

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

State Superintendent of Education Tenenbaum reported that South Carolina received good news with the issue of the latest *Quality Counts* report from *Education Week*. South Carolina earned the third highest overall mark for our teacher quality efforts and a B+ for efforts to raise academic standards. Copies of the *Quality Counts* publications were distributed to the Board members.

Superintendent Tenenbaum expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Davis and stated that everyone at the State Department of Education has enjoyed her service on the Board.

Superintendent Tenenbaum welcomed Mrs. Fort and stated that she is looking forward to working with her.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Clarence Dickert moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moss and approved by the Board. The following items were approved by the Board without further debate:

56-04. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendation for the teacher education program at Wofford College

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-05. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendations for the teacher education programs at Presbyterian College, Columbia College, and Furman University

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-06. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendations for the teacher education programs at Benedict College, Clemson University, South Carolina State University, and The Citadel

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-07. Replacement tests for the State Trade Competency Examinations

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

52-03 Requested waiver to allow academic assistance funds generated by Calhoun County School District students in grades K-3 to be used to serve students in grades 4-12

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair
Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Mrs. Frances Lewis, Chair
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair
Finance and Legislative Committee

Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (TRTC) met on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

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01. Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2002—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the January 8, 2002, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2001, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the December 11, 2001, meeting were approved.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mr. Lee reported that items 56-04, 56-05, 56-06, and 56-07 were placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Lee reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Report from the Teacher Advancement Study Committee (TASC)**

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Mrs. Frances Lewis reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2002—Mrs. Lewis reported that the agenda for January 8, 2002, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2001—Mrs. Lewis reported that the minutes of the December 11, 2001, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Requested Waiver Request of the Section of Regulation 43-264.1, Half Day Child Development Programs from Allendale County School District, Charleston County School District, Chesterfield County School District, Florence County School District One, Fort Mill School District Four, Greenwood County School District 50, Lee County School District, Lexington County School District Two, Pickens County School District, Spartanburg County School District Four, and Union County School District that stipulates that a minimum of 10-percent of the total budget shall be utilized in supplies/materials and equipment for instructional purposes (Section VI B.1. and 1.)**

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported for Mr. James Mattos that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2002—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for the January 8, 2002, meeting was approved.

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02. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2001—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the December 11, 2001, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Dickert reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair-Elect Killian reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2002—Chair-Elect Killian reported that the agenda for the January 8, 2002, meeting was approved as presented.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of December 11, 2001—Chair-Elect Killian reported that the minutes for the December 11, 2001, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair-Elect Killian reported that item 52-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES OF
JANUARY 8, 2002**

Chair-Elect Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2002

Mr. Robert Scarborough moved for the approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis and approved by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Scarborough stated that he has observed over the last two years, under the leadership of Superintendent Tenenbaum, Mrs. Queen Davis, and Mr. Greg Killian, that the Board has focused on important issues and has become a much better Board. Mr. Scarborough commended the leadership of the Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lee moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. McRae seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Chair

Secretary

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